

**Town of Vernon
Vernon Gym
Regular Meeting (6:30 PM)
August 08, 2024**

Regular Meeting: The Town of Vernon Council meeting at the Vernon Gym, 29 Washington Street, Vernon, Indiana 47282, was called to order by Mayor Zamora at 6:33 PM. An Executive session was held immediately prior to the regular meeting concerning litigation.

Town Officials and employees present:

I. Call to Order - All members present, excepting: Amber Fields

II. Approval of July 11, 2024 minutes

Wayne asked if there were any comments or corrections to the July 11, 2024 Council minutes and recommended approval.

John Post made a motion to approve the July, 2024, minutes. Jeff seconded.

2 Yes votes, 0 No votes

III. Petitions or comments by the members of the public present: No comments.

IV. Reports from Committees and Officers

A. Wayne Zamora - Questioned trash cans being left outside the downtown businesses; Brad informed the council that just being an issue of blocking the sidewalk is cause for asking them to move them off the street. Will meet with Metronet to discuss bringing services to Vernon, MHS grant to bring fiber optic services to the library and 6 computers for the use of the public. Approximately 37K will be the total. Muscataduck race coming up, car race this weekend, need to get barricades out for the car show. Needing to think about funds for readying the gym room for library use. HVAC, windows and floors all need addressed. \$4,500, \$7 per square foot or \$6 per square foot for multiple rooms. \$7-8 thousand were various quotes obtained for different aspects of the remodel. The Town needs to find where to get these funds. CEDIT is a possibility. Just the library room will be approximately 18K.

B. John Post – Council Ward 1 - Discussed quote from Pike’s, made a motion to take down the trees at Rocky’s and Gaines, Jeff seconded. 2 yes votes, 0 no votes Discussed the properties that have been reported to APC and what is going on.

C. Jeff Walker – Council Ward 2 - Any updates on Safe Streets, Wayne explained more of the intricacies for applying for this grant and the decision to apply to improve our streets, roads and crossings. Jeff wondered if we still have gravel to improve the alley behind Los Alamos. yes. we have gravel but they need graded before adding new gravel.

D. Amber Fields – Council Ward 3 - Not in attendance, issues discussed in new and old business.

E. Mary Jo Bender – Clerk Treasurer - Reports in folders, spoke about 2025 budget.

F. Brad Kage - Attorney -settled condemnation case concerning the Maschino property.

G. Britt Burgmeier – Town Marshall - No issues other than the storm caused some damage to homes in the area.

H. Brian Clark - Public Works Not present to report but is working on the lead inventory.

I. Jeff Pennycuff - Fire Chief - Emergency department vehicle blew up an engine, and many other issues. He is asking for assistance in doing the uplift on the truck they are going to buy and expects the cost to be between 3 and 5 thousand dollars.

Jeff motioned to upfit the fire safety vehicle, John seconded, for up to a max of \$5,000. 2 yes votes, 0 no votes

V. Unfinished Business

- a. John made a motion to pay litigation and purchase from general funds. Jeff seconded, 2 yes votes, 0 no votes
- b. Jeff Walker made a motion to use CEDIT, Riverboat and Gift funds, up to \$19,000 for the renovation of the library room. John seconded the motion. 2 yes votes, 0 no votes.
- c. Grant to combat loneliness is in the works, for facility improvement.
- d. Foundation approval has been released for the bathrooms and Matt Owens will begin next week.
- e. Trails Update-official begin date was today, 8/8/2024.
- f. Park Board will meet next week, the artist has been awarded the Arts Midwest grant and will need a press release to advertise for the artist to collect materials for the project. Need a plan and identity for the park. Jeff motioned to approve a press release and flyer for the art project, John seconded the motion. 2 yes, 0 no votes

VI. New Business

- a. Budget to be advertised, John motioned to allow to advertise the budget, Jeff seconded, 2 yes votes, 0 no votes
- b. Park name: John prefers a name other than Art Park, everyone likes the Civil War History Park idea, this idea should be sent to the Park Board for discussion.
- c. Dumpster on brown street - already there for cleaning the building behind the Post Office.
- d. John Post made a motion to allow the new owner of the Log Cabin to remove the tree by the parking lot if it is on their property. Jeff seconded, 2 yes votes, 0 no votes
- e. Fire Hydrant damage, will notify insurance company when damage is decided.
- f. Town wide yard sale for the Labor Day weekend will be promoted.

VII. Claims

- a. John Post motioned to pay the claims for July, Jeff Walker seconded 2 yes votes, 0 no vote

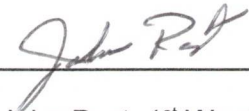
VIII. Miscellaneous Business

- a. **Work session Aug 27, 2024, 6 pm work session to discuss ordinances for water/sewer hook ups and other matters.**

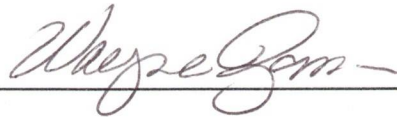
IX. Adjournment Jeff motioned to adjourn, John seconded, 2 yes votes, 0 no votes

a. **Next Regular Meeting:** The next regular Vernon Town Council Meeting will be Thursday, September 12, 2024, at the Vernon Gym, 29 Washington Street, Vernon, Indiana 47282. The regular meeting will begin at 6:30 PM. Budget hearing will be held at 6:15 pm before regular meeting.

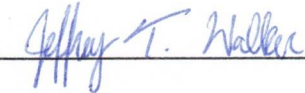
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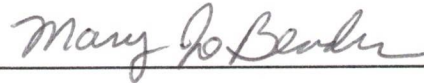
John Post, 1st Ward



Wayne Zamora, Mayor



Jeff Walker, 2nd Ward



Attest: Mary Jo Bender, Clerk



Amber Fields, 3rd Ward